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The Year Ending Feb. 15, 1896.



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## Inventory of Lempster.

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FOR THE YEAR 1895.

Polls,	119	\$ 11,900
Improved and unimproved lands and buildings,		128,682
Horses,	199	8,848
Oxen,	44	2,110
Cows,	279	6,140
Neat Stock,	6	190
Sheep,	227	412
Fowls,	200	64
Stock in public funds,		1,700
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit,		4,650
Stock in trade,		2,978
Mills and carding machines, factories and their machinery,		4,470
Total,		<u>\$172,144</u>

Amount of taxes levied for all purposes, \$2,754.30.

Rate per cent. of taxation for all purposes, per hundred dollars, \$1.60.

## Report of the Selectmen.

### RECEIPTS.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer for the year ending	
Feb. 15, 1895,	\$ 398 02
Due on tax bill of 1892,	30 26
“ “ 1893,	110 51
“ “ 1894,	756 91
Taxes assessed for 1895,	2,754 30
Rent on school land due last year,	25 00
Rent received in 1895,	17 25
Bounty on hawks,	1 25
Borrowed of Maria Thompson,	500 00
“ Universalist society,	500 00
Received from the D. S. Honey estate,	300 00
“ Savings Bank tax for 1895,	396 72
“ railroad tax 1895,	12 45
“ literary fund 1895,	83 16
Interest on tax bill of 1893,	8 37
“ “ 1894,	19 00
“ “ 1895,	1 67
Received from the county, aid rendered,	10 80
Dog licenses,	53 73
	\$5,979 30

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Charles W. Sabine, moderator,	\$ 2 00
A. W. Welch, town clerk,	25 00
"          district clerk,	3 00
H. L. Thompson, selectman,	45 00
James T. Nichols,        "	35 00
Wm. E. Perry,            "	25 00
Daniel Kennedy, supervisor,	5 00
J. T. Nichols, gate keeper at election,	2 00
L. A. Purmort, overseer of poor,	10 00
L. B. Allen, treasurer,	20 00
School board,	60 00
A. L. Benway, collector for 1895,	21 00
"          ballot inspector,	2 00
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	\$255 00

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid support of schools,	\$705 59
School board, school supplies,	58 00
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	\$763 59
Paid repairing school buildings,	\$50 00

## ENDORSEMENT ON NOTES.

Paid the Universalist society, interest,	\$ 25 00
Maria A. Thompson, note taken up,	513 18
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	\$538 18

## SUPPORT OF THE LIBRARY.

Paid the trustees,	\$50 00
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## Report of Road Agent.

WM. A. MORRISON, AGENT.

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Paid William A. Morrison, 762 hours labor,	\$114 30
"          "          643 hours for team,	96 45
H. R. Morrison, 562 hours labor,	84 30
Hiram Thurber, 495          "	74 25
"          "          361 hours for team,	54 15
George F. Thurber, 294 hours labor,	44 10
Wm. D. Thurber, 113          "	16 95
Matthew Jameson, 44          "	6 60
J. T. Nichols, 109          "	16 35
George Rowe, 10          "	1 50
M. A. Cragin, 7          "	1 00
Henry McKensie, 20          "	3 00
A. L. Benway, 38          "	5 70
Wm. E. Perry, 21 1-2          "	3 23
Frank Newton, gravel and labor,	2 25
J. F. Wheeler, for spouting,	1 00
J. F. Moore, 59 1-2 hours labor and timber,	9 43
R. H. Morgan, 10          "          "	1 50
William Gee, 30          "          "	4 50
Milan Noyes, 539          "          " with team,	80 85
John O'Brien, 23 1-2          "          "	3 50
H. D. Nichols, 35          "          "	5 25
R. C. Roundy, labor and gravel,	5 00



P'd C. A. Cragin,	18	hours labor,	\$ 2 70
George H. Straw,	47	"	7 05
Wm. T. Hamilton,	93 1-2	"	14 05
G. W. & E. E. Hurd,	25	"	3 75
C. C. Straw,	9 1-2	"	1 43
J. G. Hosley,	54 1-3	"	8 15
Fred Richardson,	33 1-2	"	5 00
C. W. Sabine,	13 1-4	"	2 00
A. Bean,	11	"	1 65
F. G. Pollard,	27	"	4 05
A. K. Hodgman,	23	"	3 45
H. S. Hooper,	270	"	40 50
F. P. Nutting,		"	25 00
C. H. Gile,		"	85
H. L. Thompson,	23	"	3 40
A. Nichols,	24	"	3 60
Sundry bills,			5 80
F. P. Nutting, 3524 feet plank,			37 24
" 1642 feet timber,			19 70
John Hadlock, repairing scraper,			11 20
Wm. A. Morrison, 607 feet plank, and freight,			8 07
Wm. E. Perry, 1250	"		12 50
Milan Noyes, 430	"		4 30
Frank B. Winter, 312	"		3 12
G. W. Buss, 250	"		1 88
Charles Putnam, 1232	"		12 32
F. C. Carey, 523 feet plank and labor,			6 00
S. D. Maxham, 2560 feet lumber,			9 00
H. Moody, 100 feet plank,			1 00
H. D. Nichols, 550 feet timber,			1 92
F. P. Rowell, 36 feet tile,			15 30
C. H. Hodgman, 27 hours' work,			4 05
Abram Nichols, 37 hours' labor,			5 55
Joseph Champney, labor,			3 45
C. H. Hodgman, for the right of way through field in winter season of 1895 and '96,			10 00
J. F. Wheeler, guide board,			3 50
H. M. Bingham, labor,			2 40
F. G. Pollard,	"		7 20
C. A. Cragin,	"		1 00
Wm. H. Haines, " and plank.			2 00
Wm. A. Morrison, labor,			35 16
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			\$985 42

## BREAKING ROADS.

Paid William A. Morrison,	\$19 14
Austin Gee,	75
L. A. Noyes,	64
Abram Nichols,	9 00
F. E. Straw,	3 00
H. D. Nichols,	3 30
F. G. Pollard,	5 70
L. P. Little,	12 82
" in the spring of 1895,	18 65
Charles Kempton,	5 25
Wm. A. Morrison,	2 77
F. B. Davis,	2 77
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	\$83 79

## SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid Horace Gee, boarding Mary Gee, 52 weeks,	\$78 00
J. N. Butler, medical services,	18 00
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	\$96 00

## FOR TRAMPS.

Paid A. R. Hood, keeping twelve tramps,	\$9 00
H. L. Thompson, keeping three tramps,	1 50
L. A. Purmort, keeping one tramp,	2 00
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	\$12 50

## DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS TO SHEEP.

Paid O. C. Huntley, damage,	\$11 02
Dudley Huntley, " "	6 80
Melvin Huntley, " "	2 27
Austin A. Gee, " "	2 74
Wm. H. Badger, " "	1 63
Jos. E. Champney, " "	92
Wm. H. Haines, " "	3 65
Abram Nichols, " "	2 83
Charles Kempton, " "	3 94
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	\$35 80
Paid the selectmen for investigating the sheep damage,	\$18 10

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid E. C. Eastman, book for selectmen,	\$ 3 23
H. L. Thompson, expense while taking invoice,	3 75
C. A. Richards, use of team,	3 00

Paid J. T. Nichols, entertainment of town officers for the year ending Feb. 17, 1896,	\$ 13 50
Frank Vaughan, services as coroner,	24 07
E. C. Hitchcock, printing reports,	22 20
Charles Booth, tax refunded on tax bill of 1895,	48 05
J. T. Nichols, three cords of wood,	12 00
“ plank and labor,	18 80
George A. Gordon, police,	4 00
J. T. Nichols, mowing the cemetery,	6 00
A. L. Benway, agent for town school district,	75 00
J. N. Davis, insuring town hall,	14 00
Solon A. Carter, state tax for 1895,	465 00
Wm. H. Sisson, county tax for 1895,	657 40
E. C. Eastman, order book,	1 35
George W. Town, sexton,	25 25
Dr. Currier, returning births,	50
Dr. F. P. Jones, “	75
Morey E. Porter, housing hearse,	3 00
M. Smith, housing snow roller,	2 00
W. W. Moody, janitor town hall,	15 00
“ tolling bell,	2 00
C. H. Hodgman, supplies for town hall,	1 16
A. J. Mitchell, services as member of board of health,	8 72
Wm. E. Perry, stove pipe for town hall,	45
Wm. F. Bruce, use of water,	1 50
L. A. Purmort, breaking roads,	1 95
Abatement on tax bill of 1892,	19 51
“ “ 1893,	35 04
“ “ 1894,	49 90
Remaining on tax bill of 1894,	102 81
Abatement on tax bill of 1895,	15 52
Remaining on tax bill of 1895,	740 40
For rent now due on school land, and charged to the treasurer,	25 00
	<hr/> \$2,421 87

The Selectmen and Treasurer charge themselves with receipts of	\$5,979 30
The disbursements amount to	5,310 25
	<hr/> \$ 669 05



## NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN FEB. 15, 1896.

Universalist society,	\$1,000 00
J. N. Butler,	225 00
	100 00
Stephen R. Hurd,	25 00
Interest on the above notes,	43 00
	<hr/> \$1,393 00

## ASSETS.

Cash in hands of the Treasurer,	\$ 669 05
Remaining tax bill of 1894,	102 81
“ “ 1895,	740 40
Rent due on school land,	26 91
	<hr/> \$1,539 17
Note and interest amount to	\$1,393 00
	<hr/> \$146 17

H. L. THOMPSON,	} Selectmen of Lempster.
J. T. NICHOLS,	
W. E. PERRY,	

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

L. A. PURMORT,	} Auditors.
HIRAM PARKER,	

Lempster, N. H., Feb. 17, 1896.

## Report of School Board.

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DIVISION No. 1. Spring term, Mrs. Jennie L. Olmstead, teacher. Mrs. Olmstead is one of our teachers from whom good work in the school room is always expected, and at this term she realized our anticipations. The school was creditable to both teacher and pupils. Fall term Miss Maud D. Mitchell took charge of the school, and labored diligently for the improvement of the scholars with good results.

DIVISION No. 2. Cora F. Sabine, teacher of both terms. She is an experienced and well known teacher. The school year in this division has been quite a successful one. We dropped into this school quite unexpectedly to teacher and pupils one day last summer, and passed a very pleasant hour listening to some first-class recitations. The parents in this district have reason to feel proud of having their scholars in such a comfortable room, and under such a competent teacher as Miss Cora F. Sabine.

DIVISION No. 3. The summer term was taught by Miss Pearl Griffith. Miss Griffith was very prompt and faithful in the discharge of her duties. Quiet and good order prevailed during the term, and the examination was very creditable to teacher and pupils. Fall term was under the instruction of Miss Elvia Cutler, who spared no pains to make it pleasant and profitable. She secured the love and good will of the pupils. Harmony prevailed, and the examination was a success in spite of the rain.

DISTRICT No. 4. In this district both summer and fall terms were taught by Miss Hester S. Porter. Miss Porter has just the ability of a first-class teacher, and the best of success was the result in both terms.

DISTRICT No. 5. The summer term was taught by Miss Addie C. Currier. Miss Currier has taught too many terms to need comment. The fall term was taught by Miss Gratia E. Webster. Miss Webster is young, but was interested in the work, and the examination showed that good work had been done.

DIVISION No. 6. Both terms were under the instruction of Miss Gertrude I. Nichols. This was her first experience as a teacher, and we think she tried hard to benefit the pupils. Her examinations were both very interesting, and we may expect some day to see her doing good work in larger schools.

#### GENERAL REMARKS.

Another year has rolled away with about the usual results. The schools during the past year have, as a rule, been peaceful and prosperous. Good work has been done by faithful and efficient teachers. Sickness impaired somewhat the usefulness of the summer term at the Street, which is to be regretted, as the school was in very competent hands.

There were six schools. Four of the teachers were veterans in the art of teaching. All, as far as my observation extended, performed their duties faithfully and well. Teachers who understand their mission have great opportunities for the exercise of a good influence upon society.

The profanity to be heard around some of our school houses is shocking to Christian ears. Pagans, who know not God, will not have so much to answer for through insulting His holy name, as many so-called Christians. Teachers may not be able to check it entirely, but it is praiseworthy in them to throw their influence against it as much as possible. We hope a truant officer will never be needed in this town.

Every parent should manage to know whether his boy is in school, and if not, why not. There is no better place for a boy than school, even though you may think he is not improving as he ought. He cannot remain in school without improvement; while outside he will, unless kept at work, manage to become more or less of a nuisance.

We have had a winter school at East Lempster, taught by Mr. J. D. R. Woodworth of Boston. He is a fine scholar and came well recommended. We feel that the school has been a success and a



source of much improvement to the larger pupils, for which we earnestly thank the Lord and the noble, generous hearted men and women, the true friends of education in the town, without whose aid we could have done nothing. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes once said: "That the world might be divided into two classes: Those who go ahead and do something, and those who grumble that it was not done some other way;" but "kites rise against, not with the wind." And we are thankful to our friends, and happy to say "All's well that ends well."

Few text books have been bought, with the exception of readers. We hope one day to see the school houses in perfect repair, especially the seats and desks in the house at East Lempster. In the new schoolroom in No. 2 a new slate blackboard would correspond well with the remainder of the room.

We cannot close without extending our hearty thanks to parents for their co-operation and sympathy during the year. May it never grow less.

WM. C. SABINE,	} School Board.
M. F. RICHARDSON,	
L. A. NOYES,	

## School Treasurer's Report.

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### BOOK ACCOUNT.

Received from Treasurer,		\$58 00
Paid C. E. Babb & Co., for books,	\$40 85	
Express on books,	4 20	
J. A. Weber, stickers for books,	2 00	
For other supplies,	4 95	
C. H. Hodgman, care of book two years,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$58 00

### REPAIRING SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Amount in treasury,	\$15 86	
Received from Treasurer,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$65 88
Paid Albro Baker, blinds, painting, etc.,	\$15 50	
Mrs. M. F. Richardson, bill for repairs,	8 72	
E. Lovejoy, papering, setting glass, etc.,	6 25	
Austin A. Gee, patching house,	1 00	
Papering school house,	1 00	
H. Parker, bill,	4 77	
	<hr/>	\$37 24
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		\$28 64

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Balance in treasury,		\$ 12 83
Received public money,		372 00
"    literary fund,		83 16
"    from town as per vote,		150 00
"    from dog tax 1891,		44 45
"    rent of school land,		29 16
"    from Asa Way fund,		26 82
		<hr/> \$718 42
Paid for cleaning school houses,		\$ 5 50
Building fires,		8 00
Incidental expenses,		2 25
Hester S. Porter, teaching and board 10 weeks,		50 00
Addie C. Currier,	10	50 00
Pearl Griffith,	10	50 00
Gertrude I. Nichols,	10	42 50
Cora F. Sabine,	10	50 00
Jennie L. Olmstead,		60 00
Gratia E. Webster, teaching and board 11 weeks,		55 00
Hester S. Porter,	10	50 00
Gertrude I. Nichols,	10	42 50
Maud D. Mitchell,	11	66 00
Elvia M. Cutler,	11	55 00
Cora F. Sabine,	12	60 00
Joseph Champney, conveying scholars,		21 00
Geo. H. Baker, three and one eighth cords wood,		12 50
L. P. Little, two and one-sixth cords wood,		7 22
C. W. Sabine, one cord wood,		4 00
H. Parker, bill supplies,		2 69
		<hr/> \$694 16
		<hr/> \$24 26

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of L. A. Noyes, Treasurer of School Board, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

A. F. PERLEY, Auditor.



## School Statistics.

No. of school.	Teachers.	Wages of teachers per Mo.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole No. scholars.	Average attendance.	No. Visits by School Board.	Perfect attendance.	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Grammar.	No. in Geography.	No. in History.	No. in Algebra.	No. in Physiology.	No. in Composition.	No. in Book-keeping.
1	Jennie L. Olmstead.	24	10	19	18	336	6	19	14	14	17	4	9	3	3			
1	Maud D. Mitchell.	24	11	18	17	326	2	18	18	14	16	3	7		2		5	
2	Cora F. Sabine.	20	10	11	11	113	5	11	11	10	10	3	10	2		4		
2	"	20	12	13	13	17	5	13	13	13	12	5	10		4			2
3	Pearl Griffith.	20	10	8	7	216	1	8	8	8	8	5	5	4	1	4	5	1
3	Elvia M. Cutler.	20	11	8	8	238	3	8	8	7	7	5	4	3	1	3	1	1
4	Hester S. Porter.	20	10	23	21	343	8	20	20	20	20	8	9	6	2	4	5	3
4	"	20	10	23	21	365	13	21	21	21	21	4	14	5	2	2	9	5
5	Addie C. Currier.	20	10	16	13	215	2	16	16	16	16	14	8		2	3		1
5	Gratia E. Webster.	20	11	16	15	214	16	16	16	16	16	12	12					
6	Gertrude I. Nichols.	17	10	8	8	346	2	8	8	8	8	1	3					
6	"	17	10	8	8	237	8	8	8	8	8	1	5					6



# Births Registered in the Town of Lempster, for the Year ending December 31, 1895.

Date 1895	Child's Name	Sex	Color	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Color	Residence of Parents	Occupation	Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age F.M.
Jan. 10	Charles Wm.	M	F	3 W Chas. A. Richards	Annie M. Philbrick	Lempster	Fanner	"	Corbuth, Me.	Hillsboro	49 37
13		M	F	4 W Austin A. Gee	Flora M. Gile	"	Mechanic	"	Lempster	Newport	29 25
17		M	F	1 W William F. Stafford	Emily C. Jennings	"	Mail carrier	"	Promised, Vt.	N.	32 27
Mar. 17	Perley Arthur	M	F	2 W William F. Brewer	Idora B. Sanders	"	Fanner	"	Lockport, Ill.	N. Grantham	32 22
April 5	Bernice	M	F	2 W Frank J. Straw	Edith Lombard	"	Blacksmith	"	Unity	Charlestown	31 20
		M	F	2 W Vasco Kennedy	Mary E. Jacobs	"	Fanner	"	Croydon	Croydon	33 28
May 23		M	F	1 W Marcus Allen	Della G. Leet	Marlow	"	"	Nelson	Claremont	29 20
Aug. 28	Emma Lovenia	F	Living	1 W John F. Wheeler	Lillian M. Wright	Lempster	Mechanic	"	"	Washington	39 24
Sept. 24		M	F	2 W Edgar A. Murdough	Josephine A. Pollard	"	Fanner	"	Stoddard	"	36 28
Oct. 25		F	F	4 W William T. Hamilton	Amelia T. Stevens	"	"	"	Clifton, Ca.	Lempster	38 27
											25 26

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Lempster, for the Year ending December 31, 1895.

Date 1895	Name of Deceased	Age Y.M.D.	Birthplace of Each	Sex	Color	Occupation	Birthplace	Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name
Jan. 30	Mary M. Pollard	34	Lempster	F	W M	Housewife	Brentwood	Putney, Vt.	Abram Bean	Agnes Richardson
Feb. 20	Osnyia E. Mann	37	Astend	M	W M	Fanner	Astend	Marlow	Samuel E. Mann	Betsey M. Hosley
Mar. 26	Olive M. Sabine	67	Lempster	F	W M	Housewife	Lempster	"	Nathan Booth	Esther Bradford
April 9	Perley Arthur Straw	21	"	M	W S	"	Unity	Charlestown, Mass.	Frank J. Straw	Edith Lombard
June 8	Rolan Pollard	74	"	M	W M	Fanner	Harvard, Mass.	Harvard, Mass.	Luther Pollard	Polly Puffer
Aug. 18	Homer Beckwith	81	"	M	W M	"	Lempster	S. Hadley, Mass.	Martin Beckwith	Tersia Judd
Nov. 1	Mary B. Rounly	90	"	F	W W	Domestic	N. London, Ct.	S. London, Ct	Roswell Bingham	Martha Safford
9	Catherine A. Cutler	64	Lempster	F	W S	"	Westminster Vt	Sutton	Lewis Cutler	Mercy Allen



# Marriages Registered in the Town of Lempster, for the Year ending December 31, 1895.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Age	Color	Occupation of Each	Birthplace of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Each	Occupation of Each	No. M.
Feb. 7	Lempster	William F. Bruce Lucy A. Pike	Lempster "	65 50		Farmer Domestic	Lempster Unity	Timothy Bruce Mary Field Harris Thurber	Bolton, Mass. Peterboro Unity	Farmer Housekeeper Farmer	2 3
Aug. 11	Acworth	Natt H. Beckwith Flora Sarsons	" Acworth	20 22		Painter Domestic	Boston, Mass. Acworth	Martha A. Thurber Edson L. Beckwith Kate Cahill Eleazer L. Sarsons	Lempster Boston, Mass. Lyme	Housekeeper Hotel Clerk Housewife Farmer	1 1
Sept. 9	Goshen	Leon C. Bemis Edith M. Alexander	Charlestown Lempster	21 18	White	Wheelwright Domestic	Weathersfield, Vt. Dunham, Ca.	Ella McCall G. W. Bemis Lizzie Gowing Gilman Alexander	Newport Vermont "	Housewife Wheelwright Housewife	1 1
Oct. 7	Walpole	Edward C. Haynes Manora L. Bingham	" "	23 22		Farmer Domestic	Charlestown, Mass. Lempster	Dorothy Hurdle John Haynes Rose Bartlett Henry M. Bingham	Dunham, Ca. "	Housewife Farmer Sailor Housewife	1 1
14 E. Lempster		Verny D. Smith Alice Winham	Westminster, Vt. Marlow	24 23		Farmer Domestic	Hinsdale Marlow	Ellen E. Abbott Lewis Smith Solista Smith Curtis Winham Sarah Winham	Swansee Troy, N. Y. "	Farmer Housewife Farmer Housewife	1 1

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

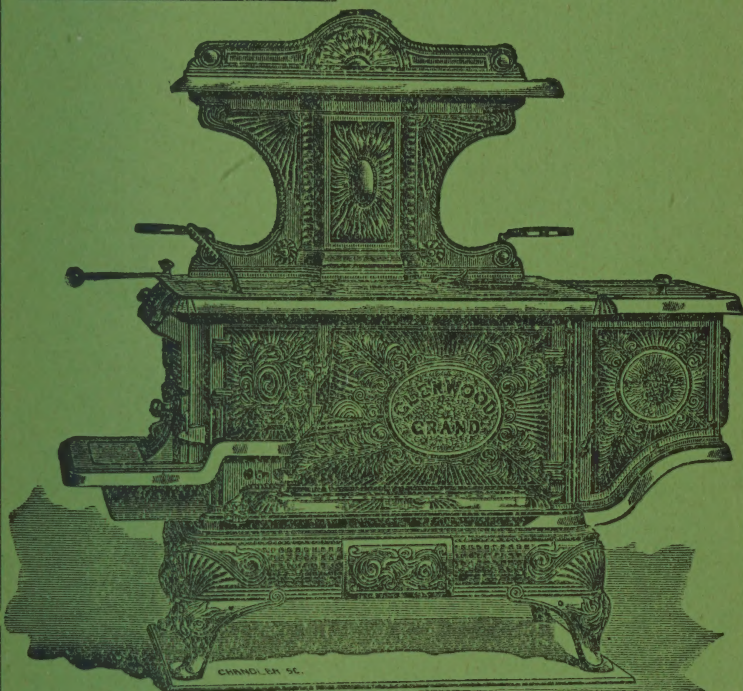
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